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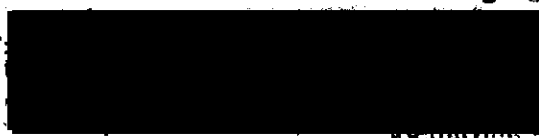
IN RE: Petitioner:  
Applicant:



Application: Application for Change of Nonimmigrant Status Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. 248.3(a)

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IN BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



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INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case.  
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FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,  
EXAMINATIONS

Jonathan T. Kelly, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The petition for a nonimmigrant worker was filed as an application for a change of the applicant's status in the United States to that of an R-1 Religious Worker, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. 248.3(a).

The petition was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center, who correctly advised the applicant that the decision could not be appealed to the Associate Commissioner for Examinations. An appeal was subsequently filed. The appeal will be rejected.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. 248.3(g) states:

*Denial of application.* When the application is denied, the applicant shall be notified of the decision and the reasons for the denial. There is no appeal from the denial of the application under this chapter.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.